

## SHREWSBURY HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER READING PROGRAM – 2005

Shrewsbury High School students should plan on reading many books this summer, but as a minimum, students will be asked to read at least **three** books. In addition to the one required reading book for their upcoming English classes (books listed below), students must read **two** other books from the SHS School-wide Summer Reading List. Choose one book from List A and one book from List B.

Books are available at Spag's, Borders (Shrewsbury), Barnes and Noble (Millbury and Worcester), Tatnuck Booksellers (Westborough and Worcester), Waldenbooks (Greendale and Auburn Malls). Most titles are also available at the Shrewsbury Library and the Worcester Public Library. On the Internet go to [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) for new and used books.

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### English Summer Reading

12AP \*      A Prayer for Owen Meany: A Novel (Irving)  
                 Their Eyes Were Watching God (Hurstons)

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12A           Tuesdays with Morrie (Albom)

11AP \*      The Killer Angels (Shaara)  
                 Cold Mountain (Frazier)

11H           The Grapes of Wrath (Steinbeck)

11A           Into the Wild (Krakauer)

10H           Brave New World (Huxley)

10A           A Gathering of Old Men (Gaines)

10B           Tunes for Bears to Dance to (Cormier)

9H           Jane Eyre (Bronte)

9A           The Secret Life of Bees (Kidd)

9B           Deathwatch (White)

\* English students must read two English books plus two more from the school-wide reading list.

## Bookmarking and Marking up the Text

After you've read a book, what do you remember? Do you remember enough to do well on a test? Would an essay that you might write about the book contain specific, detailed and appropriate examples? What kind of contributions could you make to a graded discussion? Each of these activities could be used as a test of the books in high school and in college.

In high school, students often finish reading the book the night before it is due, and it is still fresh in their memories when they are tested on it. Review is unnecessary. In college, however, students often read a list of 5-20 books with one evaluation of all of them occurring at the end of the semester. How would college students review all of these books? Would it be necessary for them to reread all of them?

As rereading an entire syllabus is impossible and ridiculous, an excellent review process must be used instead. "Bookmarking" and "marking up the text" are two such review techniques.

**Bookmarking** involves placing many paper markers in the book as it is read. Sticky notes work well, as they do not fall out. As the students read, they mark the place of anything that looks important. If they wish, students may add written notations such as "new character" or "symbol of evil" to the bookmarks. These written notes may be added later, if students do not wish to stop reading. After they finish reading the book, the students should go back through the book, discarding those bookmarks that no longer seem important. Although the book still appears to be "bristling" with papers, what is left are carefully selected pages that may be reviewed in a short time.

**Marking up the text** is useful as a reading aid as well as an aid to review. As the students read, they should carefully look for important elements involving plot, character, symbol, language, theme, and so on to underline or circle, writing an appropriate note in the margin. Watching for these elements as one reads is a way of staying alert and thinking about what is being read. Students should not mark up the page too much; being selective is a thinking process that helps to "teach" the novel. A heavily marked book is difficult to review, because it is messy and confusing to the eye.

Some students like to use a highlighting marker while reading. This is not a good way to mark up the text, because it is too easy to switch to auto pilot, automatically highlighting line after line until the entire page is a new color. These readers aren't paying very good attention to selecting the most important elements, and there is nothing specific to review later.

When bookmarking and marking up the text, students should be aware of **course themes and connections**. What does the teacher stress in class? What questions appear on tests and writing assignments? If students understand course concepts, they will read with intelligence and discrimination, and they will find what they are looking for as they read.

***In September, students will be held accountable for having "bookmarked" or "marked up" their English department required book. "Bookmarked" or "marked up" text will be part of the testing process for the required book in English.***

# ***LIST A***

Choose 1 title from this list

Note: If a book is marked **B/M** this means that you must read the book and watch the movie of the same title over the summer and be prepared to discuss the differences between the two.

## Codes for Books

<b>TYPE</b>	
<b>DI</b>	Diary
<b>FA</b>	Fantasy
<b>HR</b>	Horror
<b>MY</b>	Mystery
<b>N</b>	Novel
<b>NF</b>	Non Fiction
<b>P</b>	Play
<b>PT</b>	Poetry
<b>SF</b>	Science Fiction
<b>SP</b>	Sports
<b>SS</b>	Short story collection

<b>READING LEVEL</b>	
<b>E</b>	Easy
<b>M</b>	Medium
<b>D</b>	Difficult

**Agony and the Ecstasy, The** by Oliver Stone

N M book #A814

A biographical novel about Michelangelo, this book allows you to walk in his footsteps from the time he was a young boy to the time of his death, all the while providing extraordinary insight into his genius, philosophies and personal relationships.

**America's Women** by Gail Collins

NF M/D book #A842

Well-researched and well-written, America's Woman: 400 years of Dolls, Drudges, Helpmates and Heroines is a powerful and important book. Starting with Pocahontas and Eleanor Dare (the first female colonist), this lively and fascinating history records the changes in American women's lives and transformations in American society from the 1580's through the 2000s.

**And One More Thing Before You Go** by Maria Shriver

NF M book #A539

Shriver writes from the perspective of a daughter, mother, & wife in discussing her 10 rules of life.

**Angels and Demons** by Dan Brown

MY M book #A250

A deadly vendetta against the Catholic Church by a centuries old underground organization sparks a frantic hunt through ancient Rome.

**Bell Jar, The** by Sylvia Plath

N M book #A345

The Bell Jar tells the story of a gifted young woman's mental breakdown during a summer internship as a junior editor at a magazine in NYC in the 1950's. One of the best-told tales of a woman's descent into insanity.

**Bluest Eye, The** by Toni Morrison

N D book #A525

This novel deals with the struggles of the black community around the time of the Great Depression, where one young girl in particular gives into racist notions. The young girl, Pecola, desires blue eyes and makes great sacrifices to gain them.

**Child called It, A** by David Pelzer

NF M book #A419

An unforgettable account of one of the most severe child abuse cases in California history. It is a true story of David Pelzer who was brutally beaten and starved by his emotionally unstable, alcoholic mother. The outside world knew nothing of his struggle. This compelling story will awaken you to the truth about child abuse & the ability we all have to make a difference.

**Chosen, The** by Chaim Potok

N M book #A468

In 1940's Brooklyn, NY, an accident throws Reuven Malther and Danny Saunders together. Despite their differences the young men form a deep, if unlikely, friendship. Together they negotiate adolescence, family conflicts, faith, loss, love and the journey of adulthood.

**Collector, The** by John Fowles

N M book #A850

In the chilling archetypal tale of good and evil, a beautiful, idealistic young woman studying art in London is kidnapped by a startlingly ordinary young man who wants only to keep her – like the butterflies he collected before her. A fascinating & frightening psychological study of captor & captive.

**Count of Monte Cristo, The** by Alexandre Dumas

N M book #A350

Edmond Dantes is a naïve young man with a bright future when he is falsely accused of crimes and is imprisoned for 14 years. During this time he finds a route to escape his confinement. He quietly re-enters society to exact his revenge on his accusers.

**Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time, The**

N E/M book #A113

By Mark Haddon The story of an autistic boy who seeks to solve a mystery when the neighbor's dog is found impaled on a garden fork and he is accused of the crime.

**Deception Point** by Dan Brown

N M book #A222

An excellent thriller. When a NASA satellite discovers an astonishingly rare object buried deep in the Arctic ice, the floundering space agency proclaims a much-needed victory - a victory with implications for the impending presidential election. A big, yet believable, unfolding story told at a breakneck pace, with convincing settings and just the right blend of likable & hateful characters.

**Deepness in the Sky, A** by Vernor Vinge

SF M/D book #A614

After thousands of years of searching, humans stand on the verge of first contact with an alien race. Two human groups: the Qeng Ho, a culture of free traders, and the Emergents, a ruthless society based on the technological enslavement of minds. The group that opens trades with the aliens will reap unimaginable riches. But first, both groups must wait at the aliens' very doorstep for their strange star to relight and for their planet to reawaken, as it does every 250 years.

**Deliverance** by James Dickey

N M book #A637

Dickey's poetic style describes a simple, relaxing canoe trip that turns very ugly. Human degradation and survival consume 4 city men in the deep woods of Tennessee. You'll never go camping again!

**Demon in the Freezer, The** by Richard Preston

NF M book #A241

This is the story of the eradication of smallpox. The controversial experiments with smallpox at the CDC and Russian Virology Institute brings things into question: the security of the disease and what were to happen if it were ever used as a biological weapon.

**Devils Chaplain, A** by Richard Dawkins

NF M book #A732

This is a compilation of the best essays by Richard Dawkins, the renowned British evolutionary biologist. His topics include evolution, ethics, travel, literature, education, and religion.

**Devil Wears Prada, The** by Lauren Weisberger

N M book #A054

This book tells the story of an intern at a fashion magazine, and her struggle to demystify the superficial world she has become immersed in.

**Dreaming in Cuban** by Cristina Garcia

NF M book #A144

It is the story of 3 generations of Cuban women and their separate responses to the revolution. It is a rich and haunting narrative of exquisite realism.

**Early Autumn** by Robert Parker

MY M book #A999

A Boston detective befriends a troubled teen-age boy. After the boy's parent divorce, Spencer is hired to find out who kidnapped the boy.

**Eragon** by Christopher Paolini

FA E/M book #A219

Eragon, a 15 year old farm boy, discovers he is destined to become a legendary dragon rider. Armed with an ancient sword and accompanied by his loyal dragon and an old storyteller, Eragon leaves his village and is drawn into a life of travel, magic and adventure.

**Everything That Rises Must Converge** by F. O'Connor

N M book #A061

Flannery O'Connor was working on this novel at the time of her death. This collection is an exquisite legacy from a genius of the American short story, in which she scrutinizes territory familiar to her readers: race, faith, and morality. The stories encompass the comic and the tragic, the beautiful and the grotesque and each carries her highly individual stamp.

**Girl With a Pearl Earring** by Tracy Chevalier (B/M)

N M book #A921

The story of a 16-year-old girl named Griet, who is hired to be the maid in the 17<sup>th</sup> century Vermeer household. As she becomes more involved with Vermeer and the family, domestic tension's in the household increase.

**Guardian, The** by Nicholas Sparks

NF M book #A914

A young woman's deceased husband leaves her a puppy and a promise he would always be watching over her.

**Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix** by J.K. Rowling

FA M book #A516

As his 5<sup>th</sup> yr. At Hogwarts School approaches, 15 year old Harry Potter is in full-blown adolescence, complete with regular outbursts of rage, a nearly debilitating crush and the blooming of a powerful sense of rebellion. After another boring summer returning to Hogwarts will be a relief...or will it?

**Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy, The** by Douglas Adams                      **SF      M      book #A199**  
British citizen realizes that his best friend is an alien on the same day the earth is destroyed. His friend, a writer for the famous travel guide, The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy rescues him and takes him on an adventure through space and time.

**Hope in the Unseen, A** by Ron Suskind                                      **NF      M      book #A303**  
A Wall Street Journal reporter follows an African-American youth, Cedric Jennings, through his last 2 years in an inner city high school and freshman year at Brown University.

**Hungry Ocean, The** by Linda Greenlaw                                      **NF      M      book #A033**  
The Hungry Ocean: A Swordboat Captain's Journey covers one 30 day trip of a sword fishing boat out of Gloucester, MA.

**In the Wake of the Plague: The Black Death & the World it Made** By Norman Cantor      **NF      D      book #A435**  
One third of Western Europe's population died between 1348 and 1350, victims of the Black Death. Noted medievalist Norman Cantor tells the story of the pandemic and its widespread effects.

**John Adams** by David McCullough                                      **NF      M      book #A027**  
Biography of the second President of the United States.

**Journey to the Center of the Earth** by Jules Verne (**B/M**)                      **SF      M      book #A809**  
A German scientist puts together an expedition to follow in the tracks of a previous attempt to reach the center of the earth. The expedition encounters many unexpected creatures, landforms, plants, & obstacles.

**Kane and Abel** by Jeffrey Archer                                      **N      D      book #A044**  
On April 15, 1906, two baby boys entered the world. One was born to a life of prosperity and ease, the other to a world of hardship and struggle. On different sides of the globe, they grew up – one shaped by a luxurious upbringing, fine schools, and a history he read; the other well tempered by war, slavery and the history he was part of.

**Kidnapped** by Robert Louis Stevenson                                      **N      M      book # A104**  
A greedy, bitter uncle arranges for his nephew, the heir to a fortune, to be kidnapped and sold into slavery. Follow the adventures of young David Balfour as the courageous orphan, with the help of a loyal friend, regains his freedom and inheritance.

**Kiterunner, The** by Khaled Hosseini                                      **N      M      book #A987**  
The coming of age of a young boy in Afghanistan.

**Last Chance to See** by Douglas Adams                                      **NF      E      book #A681**  
Douglas Adams travels around the world in search of endangered animals including the white rhino and the Komodo dragon.

**Motorcycle Diaries: A Latin American Journey** (**B/M**)                      **DI      M/D      book #A312**  
By Ernesto Che Guevara      Full of drama and comedy, the diary describes a Latin American journey of a 23-year-old medical student and his friend. They travel across Argentina, Chile, Peru, Brazil, Columbia & Venezuela. Experiences in their travels combined with discussions on homosexuality, Jews and blacks, makes for an interesting road to self-discovery and the birth of a revolutionary.

**Mrs. Dalloway** by Virginia Woolf                                      **N      D      book #A238**  
This classic novel chronicles a single day in the life of an upper-class housewife, Clarissa Dalloway. Virginia Woolf writes in a stream of consciousness style from many different points of view.

**My Sister's Keeper** by Jodi Picoult                                      **N      M      book #A581**  
Anna is a product of pre-implantation genetic diagnosis, conceived as a bone marrow match for her sister Kate who is dying of leukemia. This life and role she has never challenged until now. This story examines what it means to be a good parents, sister, person. What is morally correct?

**New Work of Dogs, The** by Jon Katz

NF M book #A783

In today's society some people view their dogs as more than just pets. The author describes a variety of relationships between humans and canines.

**Nighttime is My Time** by Mary Higgins Clark

MY E book #A905

When Jean Sheridan returns home for her 20-year high school reunion, she finds herself faced with a string of murders in her class. Will they discover who the killer is before it is too late for Jean?

**No Place Like Home** by Mary Higgins Clark

MY E book #A500

A suspense thriller in which the main character is likened to Lizzie Borden, who was herself, charged with killing her mother. Liza Barton tries to put this past behind her, changing her name and moving away until her spouse surprises her by buying a home in her childhood hometown, where she has not been forgotten.

**Notebook, The** by Nicholas Sparks (B/M)

N M book #A777

The stories of the lives of two people who meet again after 14 years in rural North Carolina.

**Ordinary People** by Judith Guest (B/M)

N M book #A640

Conrad Jarrett is released from the mental hospital after his suicide attempt. He struggles to balance expectations placed on him by different areas in his life. He works with his therapist, family, his friends and most of all, himself, to survive.

**Perks of Being a Wallflower, The** by Steven Chbosky

N M book #A605

High school may be hard for most people, but for Charlie, a 16-year-old freshman with a painful past, the transition from middle school is even more complicated. The exquisite mixture of excitement and sadness that comprises Charlie's 9th grade life reveals that there are some perks to being a wallflower.

**Plan of Attack** by Bob Woodward

NF M/D book #A831

A journalistic account of the Bush Administration's planning process for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Gulf War.

**Pride and Prejudice** by Jane Austin

N M book #A012

The 18<sup>th</sup> century story of the romantic clash between opinionated Elizabeth Bennet and her proud beau Mr. Darcy.

**Random Family: Love, drugs, trouble & coming of age in the Bronx**

NF M book #A165

By Adrian LeBlanc Politicians rail about welfare queens, crack babies and deadbeat dads, but what do they know about the real life struggle it takes to survive being poor? Journalist LeBlanc spent some 10 years researching and interviewing one extended family – mother, daughter, daughter-in-law and all their boyfriends, children & inlaws in and out of public housing, emergency rooms, prisons and courtrooms.

**Rebecca** by Daphne DuMaurier

N M book # A137

Rebecca is a novel of mystery and passion, a dark psychological tale of secrets and betrayal, dead loves and an estate called Manderley.

**Restaurant at the End of the Universe, The** by D. Adams

FA M book# A497

After mastering the finer points of hitchhiking across the galaxy, weary Earthman, Arthur Dent, just wants a nice cup of tea – but he and his alien companions find more than food and drink on the menu at this eatery. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> volume of Douglas Adam's 5 part Hitchhiker "trilogy," they discover that the questions, "How can we eat?" "Why do we eat?" and "Where shall we have lunch?" are actually the keys to understanding every major galactic civilization in history. So grab your towel and, as always, don't panic.

**Rose that Grew from Concrete, The** by Tupac Shakur

PT M book #A100

Here now, newly discovered, are Tupac's most honest and intimate thoughts conveyed through the pure art of poetry -- a mirror into his enigmatic life and its many contradictions. Written in his own hand at the age of 19, they embrace his spirit, his energy...and his ultimate message of hope. (If you want to learn more about Tupac's life and death, read Tupac Shakur from List B.)

**Rose Without a Thorn, The** by Jean Plaidy

N E book #A079

This is the emotional tale of Henry VIII's fifth wife, Katherine Howard. It is the final book in the "Queen of England" series. The story follows the exciting life of innocence, passion and tragedy that ultimately follows a girl who is unlucky enough to become the Queen of England.

**Sea Glass** by Anita Shrive

N M book #A822

The story of a pair of newlyweds who, setting out to build a life together in a derelict beach house on the Atlantic coast, soon discover how threatening the world outside their front door can be.

**Selfish Gene, The** by Matt Ridley (old title **Nature Via Nurture**)

NF D book #A567

Following his highly praised and best-selling book Genome: the Autobiography of a Species in 23 Chapters, Matt Ridley has written a brilliant and profound book about the roots of human behavior. Nature via Nurture explores the complex & endlessly intriguing question of what makes us who we are.

**Silent Night** by Stanley Weintraub

NF M book #A423

In December 1914, one of the most powerful Christmas stories was written. In the cold, mud, and rain of the trenches in World War I, a glimmer of hope - a temporary peace - was created.

**Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, The (B/M)**

N M book #A399

**By Ann Brashares** First novelist Brashares successfully creates four distinct characters, each with her own story line & ties them together with a creative device: a pair of pants purchased at the thrift shop. As four lifelong friends prepare to split up for the summer, they promise to rotate the jeans among them and upon their reunion at summer's end, record their favorite adventures in the pant legs.

**Solstice** by Jan Adkins

N E book #A705

Set in the islands of Maine, a boy and his father - both cut loose from familiar comforts of city and friends are given a solstice gift of rescue, welcome, warmth and joy. Together, they realize a profound lesson in family love.

**Someone to Watch Over Me** by Judith McNaught

N M book #A376

Leigh Kendall, New York City actress, heads north in a blizzard to meet her husband at their new home. She loses her way, is rear-ended by a car, and wakes up in the hospital with too many questions.

**Street Lawyer, The** by John Grisham

N M book #A546

Michael Brock is billing the hours, making the money, rushing relentlessly to the top of Drake & Sweeney, a giant D.C. Law firm. One step away from partnership, Michael has it all. Then in an instant, it all comes undone.

**Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas** by James Patterson

MY M/D book #A622

Her boyfriend dumps Katie. He leaves her a diary written by his wife to his son.

**Swiss Family Robinson, The** by Johann Wyss

N E book #A933

A family of six must survive on an island after a shipwreck. The Eden-like Island is a backdrop to an episodic moral story, with applications of natural and physical sciences.

**Thinking in Pictures** by Temple Grandin

NF M book #A747

Story of Temple Grandin's life as an autistic person who thinks in pictures, not words.

**Up the Road Slowly** by Irene Hunt

N M book #A206

The story of a young girl's maturing and coming of age.

**Walk in the Woods, A** by Bill Bryson

NF M book #A123

In this very funny narrative, Bill Bryson describes his adventures as he attempts to hike the entire length of the Appalachian Trail.

**What Went Wrong: The clash between Islam & Modernity**

NF M book #A402

**In the Middle East** by Bernard Lewis This book is a concise and timely survey of how Islamic civilization fell from worldwide leadership in almost every frontier of human knowledge 5 or 6 centuries ago.



**Winter of our Discontent, The** by John Steinbeck                      N        M        book #A328  
The corruption of New Baytown is rampant. Issues about privilege and entitlement, family values, skewed priorities, flagging morality, and work ethics simmer underneath.

**Wrapped in Rainbows: The Life of Zora Neal Hurston**      NF      D      book #A462  
By Valarie Boyd      Zora Neale Hurston's preacher father believed that she was "too spirited and too  
mouthy for her own good," reports eloquent first time biographer Boyd in this engrossing cornerstone  
biography of the brilliant, inspired, & courageous African American anthropologist and writer.

<b><u>You Don't Know Me</u></b>	by Davis Klass	N	E	book #A272
Fourteen-year-old boy struggles with fitting in, isolation and horrible family dynamics.				

# ***LIST B***

Choose 1 title from this list

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<b>READING LEVEL</b>	
<b>E</b>	Easy
<b>M</b>	Medium
<b>D</b>	Difficult

**3000 Degrees: The True Story of a Deadly**

**NF E/M book #B020**

**Fire and the Men who Fought it** by Sean Flynn Story of Worcester, MA warehouse fire that killed six firefighters. (Our own, Mr. Nault, was there that night as Deputy Chief of the Auburn FD, which was called to the scene for mutual aid.)

**Alchemist, The** by Paulo Coelho

**N M book #B415**

This inspirational fable has been a runaway bestseller throughout Latin America. The charming tale of Santiago, a shepherd boy, who dreams of seeing the world, is compelling in its own right, but gains resonance through the many lessons Santiago learns during his adventures.

**All But My Life** by Gerda Weissman Klein

**NF M book #B488**

Story of a teenage girl's challenges in her life during the Holocaust.

**All That Remains** by Patricia Cornwell

**MY E book #B994**

A serial killer is loose in Richmond, specializing in attractive young couples whose bodies are invariably found in the woods months later minus their shoes and socks. Dr. Kay Scarpetta races against time and draws on her own personal resources to track down a murderer skilled at eliminating every clue.

**Amityville Horror, The** by Jay Anson

**HR E book #B818**

In 1975 Ronald Defeo murdered his family with a hunting rifle. One year later the Lutz family moved into the Defeo house. Twenty-eight days later they left the house and all their possessions due to overwhelming supernatural activity.

**Antony and Cleopatra** by William Shakespeare **(B/M)**

**P D book #B044**

The 2005/2006 Academic Decathlon Play. One of Shakespeare's best known tragedies, Antony & Cleopatra tells the story of a doomed romance between a Roman military leader & the Queen of Egypt.

**Bringing Down the House: The inside story of six**

**NF M book #B751**

**MIT students who took Vegas for Millions** by Ben Mezrich

MIT students find a mathematical way to cheat Las Vegas out of millions.

**Broker, The** by John Grisham

**MY M book #B189**

Joel Backman, "The Broker," becomes a free man after being incarcerated for six years and the target of agencies that want him dead.

**Case of Need, A** by Michael Crichton

**N M book #B294**

This bestseller combines breathtaking suspense with an examination of America's medical establishment. When a woman bleeds to death on the operating table, her physician is accused of murder – and another searches for the horrible truth.

**Chocolate War, The** by Robert Cormier

**N E/M book #B876**

Jerry Renault refuses to sell chocolates in his school's annual fundraiser. This challenges a secret school society and his defiant act turns into an all out war.

**Coach Carter** by Jasmine Jones **(B/M)**

**NF M book #B015**

High School basketball coach Ken Carter demands good grades, good attendance and dressing well. This results in controversy when he does not allow members to play who do not follow his rules.

**Dance Hall of the Dead** by Tony Hillerman

**MY/N M book #B744**

When a boy is murdered, Navajo policeman, Joe Leapham, searches for a teenage runaway who may have some answers. The reader learns about Navajo and Suni customs.

**Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant** by Anne Tyler

**N M book #B163**

Pearl Tull is nearing the end of her life but not her memory. It was a Sunday night in 1944 when her husband left the little row house on Baltimore's Calvert Street, abandoning Pearl to raise their three children alone.

**Dubliners** by James Joyce

SS M/D book #B223

This collection of short stories focuses on Ireland's lower/middle class population. The stories explore different people's daily routines, often revealing tragedy along the way. This work focuses on Dublin's people and contains very emotional messages that are not easily seen at first glance.

**East of Eden** by John Steinbeck (B/M)

N M/D book #B116

It is a symbolic recreation of the biblical story of Cain and Abel woven into a history of California's Salinas Valley. Spanning the period between the American Civil War and the end of World War I, the novel highlights the conflicts of two generations of brothers.

**Eleven Seconds** by Travis Roy

NF M book #B227

In his first college hockey game, Travis Roy tripped and hit his head on the boards only eleven seconds after he stepped onto the ice. The book recounts his difficulties dealing with the reality of being a quadriplegic.

**Elizabeth I CEO: Strategic Lessons from the Leader who Built an Empire** by Alan Alexrod

N M book #B499

Who could possibly offer better leadership lessons than one of the most powerful women in history? Axelrod details more than 100 leadership principles based on Queen Elizabeth's style of statesmanship.

**Ella Minnow Pea: A Novel in Letters** by Mark Dunn

N M/D book #B927

Ella Minnow Pea is a girl living happily on the fictional island of Nollip off the coast of South Carolina. Ella finds herself acting to save her friends, family and fellow citizens from the encroaching totalitarianism of the island's Council, which has banned the use of certain letters of the alphabet as they fall from a memorial statue of Nevin Nollip. As the letters progressively drop from the statue they also disappear from the novel. The result is both a hilarious and moving story of one girl's fight for freedom of expression, as well as a linguistic tour de force sure to delight word lovers.

**Enchanted April, The** by Elizabeth Von Arnim (B/M)

N M book #B195

Four, unhappy British women take a vacation together in Italy. As they soak in the Italian sun, their hearts begin to open and their lives begin to change.

**Failsafe** by Eugene Burdick

N M book #B100

A classic novel of the Cold War of the early sixties and the limits we face. U. S. nuclear bomber heads for Moscow because of an error in our fail-safe. A story of the world on the edge of nuclear war.

**Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal**

NF M book #B508

By Eric Schlosser On any given day, one out of four Americans opts for a quick and cheap meal at a fast-food restaurant, without giving either its speed or its thriftiness a second thought. Fast food is so ubiquitous that it seems as American, and harmless, as apple pie. But the industry's drive for consolidation, homogenization and speed has radically transformed America's diet, landscape, economy and workforce, often in insidiously destructive ways.

**Fatal Voyage** by Kathy Reichs

MY M/D book #B630

A forensic anthropologist joins the Disaster Response Team to investigate a plane crash. She finds body parts that do not match up with the crash victims.

**Five People You Meet in Heaven, The** (B/M)

N E book #B269

By Mitch Albom Following the final minute of a man's life, his death and his experiences in heaven, including five people who help him understand and find the meaning of his life.

**Flags of Our Fathers** by James Bradley

NF M book #B911

The real life story of the men who raised the flag of Iwo Jima during World War II. Some graphic war descriptions.

**Flatland: A Romance of Many Dimensions** by Edwin A. Abbott

SF M book #B313

This masterpiece of science (and mathematical) fiction is a delightfully unique and highly entertaining satire that has charmed readers for more than 100 years.

## Franny and Zooey by J. D. Salinger

Depicts a family and how they deal with religion, suicide and humanism.

**Friday Night Lights** by H. G. Bissinger      **(B/M)**

This true story chronicles the 1988 season of the Permian High School Panthers, a Texas high school football team, as the players and coaches push to reach the state playoffs. Economic woes, racism and competition for scholarships, and parents' unfulfilled dreams play out through the students on the football field.

## Genome by Matt Ridley

**Genome: The autobiography of a Species in 12 Chapters** delves deep within your body looking for dirt dug up by the Human Genome Project. Each chapter pries one gene out of its chromosome and focuses on its role in our development in adult life, but also goes further, exploring the implications of genetic research and our quickly changing social attitudes toward this information. Genome shies away from the “tedious biochemical middle managers” that only a nerd could love and instead goes for the A-material: genes associated with cancer, intelligence and more.

### **Girls in Pants: the Third Summer of the Sisterhood**

By Ann Brashares

their high school graduation.

### Go Ask Alice by Anonymous

The torture and hell of adolescence has rarely been captured as clearly as it is in this classic diary by an anonymous, addicted teen. Lonely, awkward and under extreme pressure from her “perfect” parents, “Anonymous” swings madly between optimism and despair. When one of her friends spikes her drink with LSD, this diarist begins a frightening journey into darkness.

**Good Earth, The** by Pearl S. Buck

Though more than sixty years have passed since this remarkable novel won the Pulitzer Prize, it has retained its popularity and become one of the great modern classics. This book presents a graphic view of China when the last emperor reigned and the vast political and social upheavals of the twentieth century were but distant rumblings for the ordinary people. This moving, classic story of the honest farmer Wang Lung and his selfless wife O-lan is must reading for those who would fully appreciate the sweeping changes that have occurred in the lives of the Chinese people during this century.

## Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

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By J. K. Rowling

year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry at this point in the midst of the storm of this battle of good and evil. The author has already said that the Half-Blood Prince is neither Harry nor Voldemort. And most importantly, the opening chapter of Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince has been brewing in J.K. Rowling's mind for 13 years.

## Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius, A

By Dave Eggers An intelligent, profoundly moving, angry, hilarious, raw and real memoir about a young man who loses both of his parents, and, as a result, must raise his younger brother.

## Horse Whisperer, The by Nicholas Evans

Annie Graves travels across a continent to the Booker ranch in Montana; desperate to heal her injured daughter, the girls' savage horse and her own wounded heart.

### **If I Grow Up** by Scott Fried

Scott talking with teens about AIDS, love and staying alive. It tells the story of how Scott acquired HIV and sends a message of self-esteem and self-respect to teens.

## Legends of Winter Hill by Jay Atkinson

Cops, con men and Joe McCain, the last real detective – an interesting read about police work and organized crime in Boston from 1960's to 2000.

**Life of Pi** by Yann Martel

N M book #B702

After a shipwreck, an emigrant from Pondicherry, India finds himself adrift on a 26-foot lifeboat in the Pacific Ocean along with a zebra, spotted hyena, a seaisick orangutan, and a Bengal tiger. Pi's story of 227 days afloat details his harrowing journey through shark-infested waters, hunger, and his own overactive imagination.

**Life, the Universe and Everything** by Douglas Adams

FA E/M book #B691

Join confused Earthling Arthur Dent whose day begins with a visit from Wowbagger the Infinitel Prolonged (whose goal is to insult everything in the universe – alphabetically) and ends with the discovery of the Truth, the Whole Truth and Nothing but the Truth about Life, the Universe and Everything

**Life with Ed: How One Woman Declared**

NF M book #B409

**Independence From her Eating Disorder and How you can Too** by Jennie Schefer A woman finds a cure by thinking of her eating disorder as a unique personality, separate from her own.

**Light on Snow** by Anita Shreve

N E book #B543

While out snowshoeing in the woods, Nicky Dillon and her dad discover an abandoned baby. In the days and weeks following, Nicky becomes part of the investigation when the young mother of the infant arrives at the Dillon house. This novel is a look into secrets that are kept & those unearthed.

**Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (B/M)

SF M/D book #B097

By J.R.R. Tolkein During his eleventy-fifth birthday celebration (hobbits have their own way of counting), Bilbo Baggins reluctantly agrees to give up the powerful but corrupt Ring of Power he found years before in The Hobbit. But getting rid of the ring turns out to be no easy task.

**My Losing Season** by Pat Conroy

SP M book #B799

The author writes a memoir of his experience as a college basketball player at the Citadel, a military academy, for a sadistically cruel coach, with reflections on his childhood with his similarly abusive father.

**Nectar in a Sieve** by Kamala Markandaya

N M book #B607

This is a very moving story of a peasant woman in a primitive village in India whose whole life was a gallant and persistent battle to care for those she loved.

**New Positioning, The** by Jack Trout with Steve Rivkin

NF M book #B364

This book is for students who are interested in Marketing. It explains methods in which companies can reach into the minds of consumers and position themselves in a favorable light.

**Nine Stories** by J.D. Salinger

SS M/D book #B147

If you enjoyed The Catcher in the Rye, try J. D. Salinger's classic collection of short stories about the Glass family. The reader gains many psychological insights.

**Northern Lights** by Nora Roberts

N M book #B132

Carrying the baggage of his unhappy past, Nate Burke arrives in Lunacy, Alaska, to be Chief of Police. There he meets a variety of local characters, and runs headlong into a 16-year-old mystery involving the murder of a climber.

**Oliver Twist** by Charles Dickens (B/M "Oliver")

N D book #B550

Abandoned at an early age, Oliver Twist is forced to live in a dark and dismal London workhouse lorded over by awful Mr. Bumble who cheated the boys of their meager rations. Desperate, but determined, Oliver makes his escape. But what he discovers in the harsh streets of London's underworld makes the workhouse look like a picnic. Will a life of crime pay off or will it earn Oliver a one way ticket to the gallows?

**On the Course with Tiger Woods** by Matt Christopher

NF E book #B472

Even before Tiger Woods stunned the world with his amazing victory at Augusta, he was impressing the golfing community with his perfect swing and pleasing crowds with his mile-wide smile and enthusiasm for the game. In this book readers learn the details of Tiger's life and career.

**Perfect Storm, The** by Sebastian Junger (B/M)

NF M book #B932

The story of the Andrea Gail, a commercial fishing ship which, with its crew of six, found itself in the middle of one of the most ferocious storms of the last decade. The story recounts what is known about the ship and speculates about the fate she may have suffered.

**Profiles in Courage** by John F. Kennedy

NF M book #B319

Kennedy chronicles acts of astounding personal and political courage.

**Queen's Fool, The** by Philippa Gregory

N M book #B646

1553 England, Young Hannah Green, 14, is forced to leave Spain and join the English court. Hired as a fool but working as a spy, she must choose between a safe life and the dangerous intrigues of the Royal Family.

**Robinson Crusoe** by Daniel DeFoe

N E book #B213

A lone man must survive on an island for 28 years, relying on his ingenuity and hard labor. Sociological themes are explored as a solitary man creates "society" and civilization.

**Salmon of Doubt: Hitchhiking the Galaxy One Last Time, The**

NF E book #B340

By Douglas Adams This is Douglas Adams' unfinished novel which includes a collection of letters, ideas for films, books, and other discussions on various subjects.

**Salt: A World History** by Mark Kurlansky

NF M book #B096

Salt is one of the world's most important commodities. It was once so valuable it was used as currency. This seemingly plain substance is necessary for life and has influenced the sequence of events in history. A must read for chemistry students and those interested in the culinary arts.

**Sam's Letters to Jennifer** by James Patterson

N E book #B616

When Jennifer returns home to visit her sick grandmother, she learns how to open her heart and love again.

**Separate Peace, A** by John Knowles

N E book #B457

The volatile world of male adolescence provides the backdrop for this engrossing tale of love, hate, war and peace. Sharing a room at Devon, an exclusive New England prep school, in the summer prior to WW II, Gene and Phineas form a complex bond of friendship that draws out both the best and worst characteristics of each boy and leads ultimately to violence, a confession and the betrayal of trust.

**Smashed: Story of a Drunken Girlhood** by Koren Zailckas

N M book #B941

This book will spark a discussion about teenage drinking, especially among girls.

**State of Fear** by Michael Crichton

SF M book #B531

A physicist dies, deadly cavitation equipment is bought, a research submarine rented and intelligence agents try to figure out why. Causes you to think of the recent deadly tsunami and if humans for devious reasons could cause it.

**Storm Without Rain, A** by Jan Adkins

N E book #B511

A teen is sent back through time to his New England hometown in 1904, where he becomes the best friend, shipmate and co-conspirator to his own grandfather at his age.

**Stuff: The Secret Lives of Everyday Things**

NF E book #B895

By John C. Ryan and Alan Thein Durning

If you don't know your stuff, you don't know anything! This book takes you behind the scenes of things you use everyday, like a computer mouse or your coffee cup, and gives you a new perspective on the things you own. You'll never look at the world the same way again!

**Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman** by Richard Feynman

NF M book #B248

Feynman, a Nobel-prize winning physicist, compiled a group of anecdotal yarns that reveal much about him and our culture.

**There are No Children Here: The**

NF M book #B800

**Story of Two Boys Growing up in the Other America** by Alex Kotlowitz A portrait of the 2 boys in a Chicago housing project, and how much heroism is required to survive, let alone, escape this world. It is a

powerful argument against the politics of inertia, hopelessness and greed, and for a real war on poverty, violence, and racism in this country.

**Trace** by Patricia Cornwell M D book #B765

Kay Scarpetta returns to her office five years after being fired at the request of Dr. Joel Marcus, her replacement. She finds puzzles galore and leaves the reader with mysteries to solve.

**Treasure Island** by Robert Louis Stevenson N M book #B884

Find out how teenager, Jim Hawkins, outwits the wicked Long John Silver and his gang of pirates to gain the hidden treasure of a dead buccaneer.

**Tuesdays with Morrie** by Mitch Albom (B/M) NF E/M book #B059

Maybe it was a grandparent, a teacher, or someone older who understood you when you were young and searching, who helped you see the world as a more profound place and gave you advice to help you make your way through it. For Mitch Albom, that person was Morrie Schwartz, his college professor from nearly 20 years ago. This book is a magical chronicle of their time together, through which Mitch shares Morrie's lasting gift to the world.

**Tupac Shakur** by Quincy Jones, Vibe Magazine NF M book #B900

The real story of Tupac's murder may not ever emerge. This may be the only lasting testament to the many faces of Tupac Shakur – of a life lived fast and hard, of a man cloaked in contradictions. A young man who was just starting to come into his own. (If you are interested in Tupac you may want to read a book of his poetry The Rose that Grew from Concrete on List A)

**Uncle Tom's Cabin** by Harriet Beecher Stowe N M book #B654

Uncle Tom's Cabin was revolutionary in 1852 for its passionate indictment of slavery and for its presentation of Tom, "a man of humanity," as the first black hero in American fiction. Labeled racist and condescending by some contemporary critics, it remains a shocking, controversial and powerful piece of work.

**Vanishing Acts** by Jodi Picoult N M book #B600

Delia Hopkins has led a charmed life. As she plans her wedding, she is plagued by flashbacks of a life she can't recall. And then a policeman knocks on her door, revealing a secret that changes the world as she knows it. What happens when you learn you are not who you thought you were?

**Walk to Remember, A** by Nicholas Sparks (B/M) N E book #B829

Every April, when the wind smells of both the sea and lilacs, Landon Carter remembers 1958, his last year in high school. He remembers Jamie, the shy almost ethereal daughter of the town's Baptist minister. Jamie, was destined to show him the depths of the human heart – and the joy and pain of living.

**War of the Rats** by David L. Robbins NF M book #B583

Based on a true story during the battle of Stalingrad in WWII, two men – one Russian and one German, each the top sniper in their respected army, stalk each other with intent to kill and help win the battle for their country.

**Whale Talk** by Chris Crutcher N E book #B982

High School student is bullied by a football player. Issues of harassment, diversity and fitting in.

**What it Takes to Pull Me Through: Why Teenagers Get** NF M book #B307

**In Trouble and How Four of Them Got Out** by David L. Marcus Marcus, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, was granted full access to students, parents and staff at a therapeutic boarding school in western Massachusetts. Marcus details the backgrounds, family lives and personalities of the teens and their struggles with anger and pressure at home and school. This is a revealing and engrossing look at the recovery process for troubled teens.

**Winesbury, Ohio** by Sherwood Anderson N M book #B257

A young reporter for a midwestern town listens to the tales of the town's inhabitants. Their hopes, dreams and fears are revealed.